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Wow! It's Seminary Weekend!

Can it really be one entire year since many of my classmates and myself were visitors to campus? Well, reason and intuition tell me yes. It has been one year, and wow, what a year!

The folks at *Table Talk* also want to welcome you to the campus. We have prepared, with the help of the Admissions Office and some helpful writers, this small contribution. We hope that it will assist you in learning more about the seminary and highlight some of the activities where students can become involved.

Many of us participated in seminary weekend last year as prospective students. In a short period of time, we did and you will, receive a lot of information about classes, professors, living arrangements and yes, what summer Greek is *really* like.

Ask a lot of questions. You have the sincere best wishes of everyone on campus for an informative, fun weekend.

Peace be with you as you make the important decisions regarding your particular call from God.

Cliff Eshbach
Editor

Dear prospective student:

Greetings. We hope you enjoy your weekend and want to welcome you to the Lutheran House of Studies! We would like to make you aware of the Washington program and it's benefits for your education at Gettysburg Seminary.

This branch of the seminary offers the challenges of independence and ecumenism, among many, along with practical exposure to a wide array of urban ministry options.

The class offerings through the Washington Theological Consortium are first quality and the amenities of the Nation's Capital are never ending

While this brief note cannot begin to convey all of what the LHS option has to offer, we of the House want you to feel free to contact us with any question you may have.

Best wishes to each of you from the Lutheran House of Studies community.

Jason Sigmon

C. Jason Sigmon, LHS manager



1997 SEMINARY WEEKEND

APRIL 12 - 13, 1997

SATURDAY, APRIL 12, 1997

8:00 am - 8:30 am	Registration and continental Breakfast at Refectory
8:30 am - 9:30 am	Campus Tours with Student Hosts
9:35 am	Service of Holy Communion in Chapel
10:45 am	Welcome by the President in Chapel
10:55 am	Welcome by the Dean in Chapel
11:05 am	Worship Life, Chaplain Oldenburg in Chapel

Accepted/In Process

Inquiry

11:20 pm	Faculty Interaction	11:20 am	Overview of Curriculum and Academic Preparation
	Discussion of Academics	11:45 am	Biblical Presentation
	Pre-Reading Suggestions	11:30 pm	Lunch
12:30 pm	Lunch	1:45 pm	Theological Presentation
1:45 pm	Biblical Presentation	2:15 pm	Financing Theo. Education
	-in depth-	3:00 pm	Field Education Overview
3:00 pm	Business Matters		-T.P., CPE & Internship-
	-housing, financial aid-	3:30 pm	Application Process
3:30 pm	Field Education		-Housing, Candidacy-
	-nitty gritty-		
		4:30 pm	BREAK --Bookstore Open
		6:00 pm	DINNER --Discussion Topics
		7:30 pm	Organ Concert in Chapel
		9:00 pm	Reception - Singmaster

SUNDAY, APRIL 13, 1997

7:30 am	Depart for Washington, DC
9:30 am	Breakfast and Adult Forum at First Trinity Lutheran
11:00 am	Worship at First Trinity Lutheran
12:00 pm	Lunch at the Lutheran House of Studies
1:45 pm	Presentation on the Washington Theological Consortium
3:00 pm	Depart for Gettysburg

Division, Boards, and Committee

OF THE LTB&C STUDENT ASSOCIATION

The Student Association maintains divisions, boards and committees to promote community life at the Seminary. In addition, students are asked to serve on faculty search committees when new faculty are being sought. All members of the Student Association (all students registered for two or more courses are automatically members) are eligible and encouraged to serve on all divisions, boards and committees. Each is listed and described below:

Divisions

Athletics

The Athletics Division is responsible for the coordination of all intramural activities and tournaments. The seminary community typically takes part in intramural flag football and softball, as well as in annual ping-pong and chess tournaments. In addition, an unofficial game of "wally ball" is frequently well played at the YWCA. ALL students are invited to attend and participate in sports, and the green football T-shirts are really classy!

Lectures

The Lectures Division sponsors forums, group discussions and other lectures which are intended to promote learning and reflection on a variety of theological topics. The Lectures Division is also responsible for the student computer lab located on the second floor of the library.

Publication

The Publication Division is responsible for *Table Talk* and any other publications which the Student Association deems necessary and enhancing to student life.

Social Action

The Social Action Division promotes issues which are of social concern to the Seminary community. This division might sponsor servant events or other activities which promote social justice. A Red Cross Blood Drive is a well attended event during the school year.

Boards

- Honor Board* The Honor Board is made up of the Student Association President and one representative elected by each class. The Honor Board investigates and/or reprimands any student accused of a violation of academic integrity.
- Student Conduct* The Student Conduct Board consists of the class presidents, one representative of each class, and the Student Association President who serves as chair. This board counsels and/or reprimands students who are charged with misconduct.

Joint Student-Faculty Committees

- Student Faculty Relations* This committee is made up of the president of all the classes, and three other students appointed by the presidents. They are joined by the Seminary President, the Dean and two other faculty members to consider matters of concern to the seminary community, including student course evaluations, the pet policy and supply preaching.
- Worship* The Worship committee oversees the worship life of the community, designating where offerings go and determining the prayer concerns from week to week. Two representatives from each class sit on this committee with the Chaplain, Music Director and another member of the faculty.
- Academic Policies* Two students are elected by the Student Association Council to serve on this committee with the chairs of each faculty division, the Dean, Librarian, Registrar, and Field Education Director. This committee oversees the policies that govern the academic life of the seminary, making recommendations to the faculty for their action.
- Admissions and Scholarship* Two students are elected by the Student Association Council serve on this committee which, with faculty members, considers such matters as admissions, scholarships, financial aid and recruitment.

Field Education One junior and senior (elected by their classes) sit on this committee with faculty and oversee the seminary's field education system.

Library One student is elected by the Student Association Council to serve on this committee which considers matters relevant to the Seminary Library.

Food Service

WHAT'S WHAT?

(AND WHERE IS IT?)

The Redactor

The Redactor is the daily publication (Monday through Friday when classes are in session) of the schedule of events for the day, plus any announcements that need to be seen by the Seminary Community. It is posted in the library, Valentine Hall, the Refectory and the dormitories. It is the best source of information as to what's happening on campus.

Note Bene

The Note Bene is a weekly newsletter (generally published on Wednesday) from the Chaplain's office.; It lists the worship schedule for the coming week (Thursday through Wednesday), announces special events, and gives helpful information for devotions and prayer. The Note Bene is available on the table at the entrance to the chapel at Wednesday Eucharist's.

Bulletin Boards

Bulletin Boards are located in the Basement of Valentine Hall. Information about classes, social issues, employment, and general notices can be found in the hallway. Student Association bulletin board is in the coffee shop. All items placed in Seminary bulletin boards must be signed by the person posting it.

Coffee Shop

The Coffee Shop is located in the basement of Valentine Hall. Coffee and tea are available for a small fee at most times of the day. On Tuesdays and Fridays doughnuts and bagels are also available. There are also machines offering juice, soda, candy and crackers. The lounge next to the Coffee Shop has a Ping-Pong table and a TV.

The Refectory The Refectory is open to all members of the Seminary community, even those seminarians who are not on the meal plan. Meal tickets may be purchased through the Book Store. There is a community meal each month, free of charge. We try to schedule these meals in conjunction with the monthly evening Eucharist, to give us an opportunity to worship together in full community.

The Bookstore The Bookstore is located in the basement of Valentine Hall. Its normal hours of operation are 10:00-11:30 a.m. and 2:00-4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday. You can buy all of your textbooks in the Bookstore. The Bookstore accepts MasterCard, Visa, Discover,

The Student Computer Located on the second floor of the library, just outside the LibraryCenter Lecture Room. Hours of the Computer Center are the same as the library. Paper is supplied by the Student Association. Students need to provide their own disks. All computers are loaded with Word Perfect for DOS 5.1 and Windows.

At the A.R. Wentz Library In the Reference Room

I sit
among the books
and feel
the Spirit singing.
My heart
bursts full.
Joy
is my surrounding

These Books
in multiple tongues
and letters,
jots and tittles,
apostrophes and dots,
words and phrases,
concepts and thoughts,
storing images
and persons,
imprinted on their pages,
pressed safe
between their boards,

sit mute,
lined side by side
on high tiered shelves
rising up the wall;

mute, dumb,
nestling,
stacked,
in colors jeweled
or dun;

patient, waiting,
offering selves,
storing treasures
for life's living,
of God's rich giving,
of human response,
of angel - wrestling,
of bickering scholars
and dogged pursuing,
of printing and binding,
sewing and gluing,
selling and sending
wearing and mending...

And midst these
mute martyrs
who witness to God,
to human strife,
to faithfulness
and awe,
to worthiness and wonder,
tragedy and blunder,
mercy, grace
and going on,
I sit,

surrounded and enveloped
And in the Spirit's singing silence,
their voices rise
and cry to me,

of God
and us,
and love and time.

Joy, joy, joy,
they sing
and here,
so lovingly surrounded
verily, verily
joy is mine!

The moving vehicle's rearview mirror caught a glimpse of the sun setting over the distant ridge to the west. I watched the car drive off, waving as it went down Springs Ave. At the top of the steps of Baughman Hall, I was standing on the threshold of a new day; I finally arrived at seminary! Somehow the road to get to that place was so long, so stressful. There had been tough decisions which I had to make in order to get there. Seminary wasn't the easiest choice I might have made. Still, it was the correct one for me.

Four years later, I am looking back at the time when I first came to Gettysburg. Seminary has been quite an adventure. It has been a time of growth, of challenge, of friendships, of setting suns and new horizons. There was opportunity to watch stars from Little Round Top, walk with friends through the battlefield, hear ghost stories (tell a few too!), attend community dinners and feast ala Wayne at the refectory, meet people from far away places such as Germany and Tanzania and Ethiopia and Finland, work with congregations as a teaching parish student and intern, chat with professors about the lofty matters of life (theology and beer do mix on occasion), laugh, cry, learn, grow in my faith. It has been a good four years for me and I wouldn't trade them for anything.

As one who is shortly going to be getting into another car heading down Springs Ave. with the sun setting on my days as a student at Gettysburg, I am delighted to have the opportunity to welcome you to this wonderful place. May your Seminary weekend be one of learning, fun, information, and be of help in your seminary exploration where ever you might be in the process. Personally, I hope to have a chance to meet many of you and share some of my experiences of this place that has been my home for the last four years. May God bless us all as we travel down the roads of our future.

Walt Lichtenberger

Welcome to the Lutheran Theological Seminary at Gettysburg!

Seminary is on the Web!!

Have you joined the computer generation? If so, the easiest way to find out about the Seminary is by visiting our new homepage on the World Wide Web. Here, you will find information about academics, the seminary's faculty, a listing of calendar of events, our admission process and how to become a student. There is a map of our campus with information and photographs of housing on campus and there is even a special section dedicated to alumni/ae. Programs such as Town and Country Institute are featured as well as the Washington Theological Consortium.

The Seminary is on the web 24 hours a day, seven days a week. So don't hesitate to visit us at:

<http://www.elca.org/dm/ltsg/index.html>



*OUR THANKS TO THE FOLLOWING
MEMBERS OF THE SEMINARY COMMUNITY
FOR MAKING THIS WEEKEND A SUCCESS:*

WORSHIP SERVICE

		Class of:
<i>Presider</i>	Rev. Janyce Jorgensen	1989
<i>Preacher</i>	Rev. Dr. Frances Taylor Gench	
<i>Assisting Minister</i>	P. Lee Brumback	1997
<i>Director of Music</i>	Rev. Dr. Stephen Folkmer	1980/1988
<i>Lector</i>	Andy Crouse, Administrative Secretary	
<i>Gift Bearer</i>	Jeffrey Plummer	1997
<i>Gift Bearer</i>	Ronald Brown	1999
<i>Gift Bearer</i>	Dale Cline	2000
<i>Sacristan</i>	Denise Lindemann	1997
<i>Sacristan</i>	Lynette R. Nelson	1997
<i>Audio Minister</i>	Jonathan Deibler	1999
<i>Audio Minister</i>	Dave von Schlichten	1997

MOTET CHOIR

<i>Soprano</i>	Christina L. Abrahamson	1997
	Kathleen Baker	2000
	Rev. Sherry M. Brumback	1994
	Jenny Cox	
	Jacquelyn M. DePhillips	1997
	Terry Y.M. Foster	Special
	Gretchen Gustman	1998
	Susan H. Yatta	1997
<i>Alto</i>	Jean Horman	1997
	Lynette R. Nelson	1999
	Michelle L. Nickodemus	1998
	Ann Schlossnagle	1999
	Gwenn L. Trout	1997

<i>Tenor</i>	P. Lee Brumback	1997
	Paul Chapman	1999
	Dave von Schlichten	1997
	Joel Zeiders	1997
<i>Baritone</i>	Jefferson F. Cox	1997
	David M. Darling	2000
	Clifton D. Eshbach	2000
	Ryan D. Fischer	2000

1997 SEMINARY WEEKEND COMMITTEE

Christina L. Abrahamson, Student Assistant	1999
Dan Bringman, Vice President Finance	
David M. Darling, Student Representative	2000
Nancy Gable, Director for Admissions	1979
Walter Lichtenberger, Student Representative	1997
Lisa M. Stouch, Administrative Assistant	

RECEPTIONS

<i>Friday Evening</i>	Student Association
<i>Saturday Evening</i>	Child Care

WASHINGTON, DC

<i>Adult Forum/Service</i>	First Trinity Lutheran Church	
<i>Lutheran House of Studies</i>	C. Jason Sigmon, House Manager	1999
<i>Presentation on WTC</i>	Rev. Dr. Roy Enquist	

PHOTOGRAPHERS

<i>Public Relations</i>	Lisa K. Hill, Director	
	Gwenn L. Trout, Student Assistant	1997

YOUTH CARE

<i>LTSG Youth Group</i>	Bill Hughes, Group Leader Isaac Abrahamson Allan Branstiter Joel Donmoyer Matt Esbach Rich Eshbach Pete McDannell Nick McDannell Lea Modigan Eli Person	1999
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PRESENTATIONS - ACCEPTED/IN PROCESS

<i>Faculty Interaction</i>	Rev. Dr. Duane Larson Rev. Dr. Brooks Schratman	
<i>Biblical Presentations</i>	Rev. Dr. Frances Taylor Gench Rev. Dr. Richard Nelson	
<i>Business Matters</i>	Dan Bringman, Vice President Nancy Gable, Diaconal Minister Marge Lyons, Administrative Assistant	1979
<i>Field Education</i>	Rev. Dr. J. Paul Balas Rev. Dr. Richard Carlson Dr. Norma Wood	1965 1972

PRESENTATIONS - INQUIRY

<i>Overview/Academics</i>	Rev. Dr. Richard Thulln Rev. Dr. Nelson Strobert	1973
<i>Theological Presentation</i>	Rev. Dr. Gilson Waldkocnig	1989
<i>Financing Theo. Education</i>	Dan Bringman	
<i>Application Process</i>	Nancy Gable, Diaconal Minister Rev. Jim Miley, Division for Ministry Andy Crouse, Administrative Secretary	1979

HOSTS/DRIVERS

Wendy Abrahamson	1999
Sally Bartling	2000
Ray Branstiter	2000
Sandy Branstiter	
P. Lee Brumback	1997
Rev. Sherry M. Brumback	1994
Dale Cline	2000
Jefferson F. Cox	1997
Jenny Cox	
Jonathan Deibler	1999
A.J. Domines	2000
Clifton Eshbach	2000
Greg Fetzer	1999
Bruce Freeman	2000
Matt Fuhrman	2000
Gretchen Gustman	1998
Bill Hughes	1999
David Jernigan	1999
Carol Kehler	1997
Denise Lindemann	1999
Sandra Mackie	2000
Lynette Nelson	1999
Michelle Nickodemus	1998
Jeffrey Plummer	1997
Melanie Plummer	
Cindy Rasmussen	1997
Judith Rippey	1997
Bill Schaefer	2000
Tara Schaefer	
Dave von Schlichten	1997
Gail Wolling	1999
Nathan Wright	2000
James Young	1997
Patty Young	

NOTES

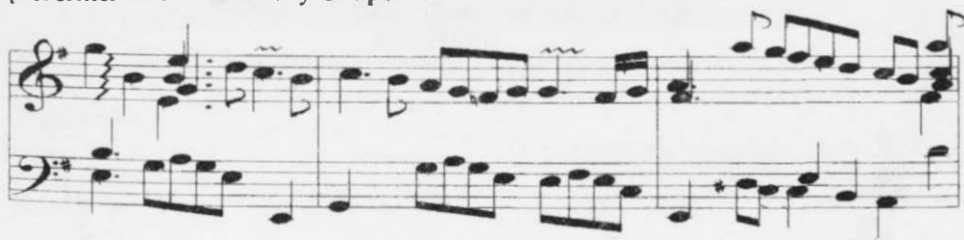
Music Gettysburg!

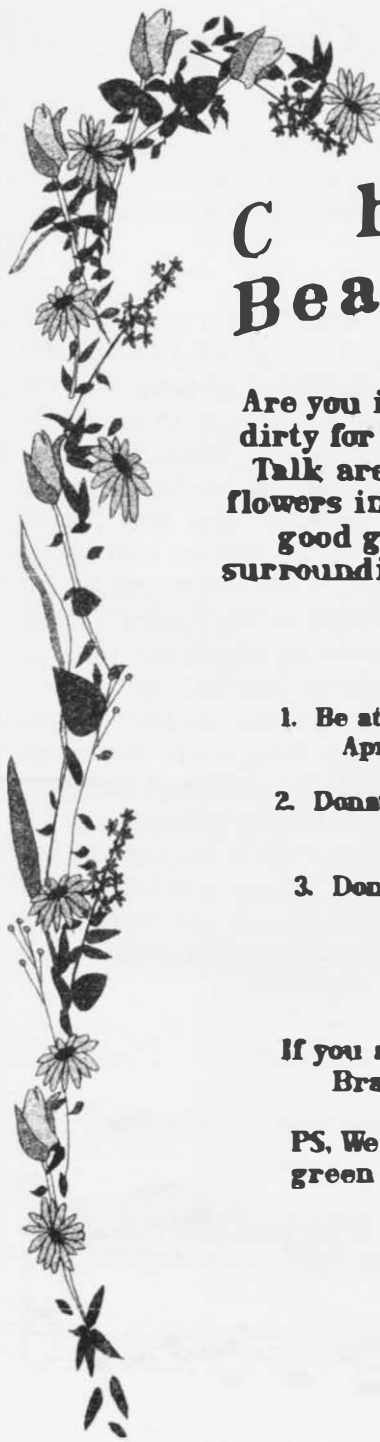
One of the benefits of living in the Gettysburg area is the wonder music provided by Music Gettysburg! during the year. We are fortunate to have a Music Gettysburg! event falling during Seminary Weekend this year. On Saturday night at the chapel J. Reilly Lewis, will be performing.

J. Reilly Lewis, raised in Washington, D.C., began his career as a member of the Cathedral Junior Boys Choir under the direction of Richard W. Dirksen. He received his B.A. from Oberlin College and his master's and doctorate from the Juilliard School. While at Oberlin, Dr. Lewis was the first prize winner of the National Organ Playing competition. His teachers include Nadia Boulanger, Anthony Newman and Albert Fuller. As a Fulbright Scholar, Dr. Lewis spent a year in Germany doing specialized study of the music of Bach with Helmut Walcha. Upon his return to the Washington area, he was assistant staff pianist with the National Symphony Orchestra under Antal Dorati. He served for ten years as keyboard artist and later associate conductor of the Handel Festival Orchestra at the Kennedy Center. He has performed on harpsichord with the Mostly Mozart Festival and the Smithsonian Chamber Players, and in 1991 presented Bach's *Goldberg Variations* at the Kennedy Center Terrace Theater. Numerous organ performances include the Aspen Music Festival, The New Music Festival in Cologne, Germany, and appearances at Washington National Cathedral. In 1985 he was organ soloist at the International Bach Festival performing on the spectacular instrument in the New Gewandhaus concert hall in Leipzig and was later called as an adjudicator in the International Bach Competition in Leipzig. He is founder and music director of the Washington Bach Consort and organist and choirmaster of Clarendon United Methodist Church in Arlington, Virginia. He has been music director of the Cathedral Choral Society since 1985.

There will be a free will offering taken during the intermission.

The Concert begins at 7:30 pm. Don't miss this chance to see a world class performer in our Seminary Chapel!!!





Chapel Beautification

Are you interested in getting your hands dirty for a good cause? The staff of Table Talk are looking for volunteers to plant flowers in the Memorial Garden and to do a good general cleanup of the grounds surrounding the Chapel. There are several ways you can help.

1. Be at the Chapel at 9:00am Saturday April 26th. Bring Gardening tools if you have them.
2. Donate flowers to be planted around the Chapel and in the Memorial Garden.
3. Donate money for the purchase of flowers and mulch.

If you are interested please see Ray Branstiter for more details.

PS. We really need someone with a green thumb and some gardening skills!!!!



FROM THE EDITORS

Table Talk is a publication of the Student Association of this seminary. It is given to students, faculty and staff of LTSG. It is also sent to the board members, and to the seven other ELCA seminaries. Submissions are freely accepted, but not all submissions see print. The editorial staff reviews submissions, and those that we feel are not relative to the primary readership, that is, to the student body, faculty and staff, we have chosen not to publish. We would encourage authors to bear in mind the wide audience this publication sees.

At time, articles have been edited for clarity, length, or errors. The editorial staff strives to remain true to the spirit of the article and the author. We do ask, given, that authors, especially those of non-fiction articles, pay attention to good grammar and form, as spelled out in Turabian. In terms of writing style, authors are strongly encouraged to write in active, rather than passive, tense.

Articles should be placed in the Table Talk mailbox in Valentine Hall. The editors appreciate articles submitted on computer disk in WordPerfect, Ms Word or MS Works format. However, paper hard copy is also acceptable.

Augury

April	11-13	Seminary Weekend
	12	Music Gettysburg!
	29	Spring Convocation
	30	Spring Convocation, 3:00 PM Service with Bishop S. George Anderson Presiding
May	3	Music Gettysburg!
	7	Evening Eucharist 7:00
	16	Close of Semester & Commencement
	30	Preaching & Church Music Workshop